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#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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Federal Acquisition Regulation: Applicability of Inflation
Adjustments of Acquisition-Related Thresholds

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services

Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space

Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: DoD, GSA, and NASA are issuing a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement a section of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 to make inflation adjustments of statutory acquisition-related thresholds applicable to existing contracts and subcontracts in effect on the date of the adjustment that contain the revised clauses in this rulemaking.

DATES: Effective: [Insert date 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

DoD, GSA, and NASA published a proposed rule in the Federal Register on June 24, 2019, at 84 FR 29482, to make inflation adjustments of statutory acquisition-related thresholds under 41 U.S.C. 1908 applicable to existing contracts and subcontracts in effect on the date of the adjustment. This FAR change implements section 821 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 (Pub. L. 115-91).

Title 41 U.S.C. 1908, Inflation adjustment of acquisition-related dollar thresholds, requires an adjustment every five years of acquisition-related thresholds for inflation using the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, except for the Construction Wage Rate Requirements statute (Davis-Bacon Act), Service Contract

Labor Standards statute, and trade agreements thresholds. See FAR 1.109. The last FAR case that raised the thresholds for inflation was 2014-022, a final rule published on July 2, 2015, effective October 1, 2015. The next inflation adjustment under 41 U.S.C. 1908 will be implemented through FAR Case 2019-013 and planned to be effective October 1, 2020. One respondent submitted comments on the proposed rule.

# II. Discussion and Analysis

The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (the Councils) reviewed the public comments in the development of the final rule. A discussion of the comments is provided as follows:

#### A. Summary of changes

There are no changes as a result of comments on the proposed rule.

### B. Analysis of public comments

Comment: One respondent supported the proposed rule and suggested to include a list, preferably in table form, of the actual calendar dates of threshold effectiveness.

Response: The Councils agree a table might be a helpful reference tool and will add one at Acquisition.gov under

AT. The table will only illustrate changes to the micropurchase and simplified acquisition thresholds, after they
are implemented through the rulemaking process.

#### C. Other changes

Editorial changes are made to three clauses to change the paragraph heading of "Flowdown" to "Subcontracts" in order to conform to FAR drafting conventions. See FAR clauses 52.203-16, paragraph (d); 52.215-23, paragraph (f); and 52.226-6, paragraph (e).

# III. Applicability to Contracts at or Below the Simplified Acquisition Threshold and for Commercial Items, Including Commercially Available Off-the-Shelf Items

This rule does not add any new solicitation provisions or clauses, or impact any existing provisions or clauses, except for the added references to acquisition-related thresholds in the FAR text.

# IV. Executive Orders 12866 and 13563

Executive Orders (E.O.s) 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity).

E.O. 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. This rule is not a significant regulatory action, and therefore, this rule was not subject to the review of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs under section 6(b) of E.O. 12866. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

#### V. Executive Order 13771

This rule is not an E.O. 13771 regulatory action, because this rule is not significant under E.O. 12866.

### VI. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD, GSA, and NASA have prepared a Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (FRFA) consistent with the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, et seq. The FRFA is summarized as follows:

This rule is required to implement section 821 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018. The objective is to make inflation adjustments of statutory acquisition-related thresholds under 41 U.S.C. 1908(d) applicable to existing contracts and subcontracts in effect on the date of the adjustment that contain the revised clauses.

There were no significant issues raised by the public in response to the initial regulatory flexibility analysis.

This rule will likely affect to some extent all small business concerns that submit offers or are awarded contracts by the Federal Government.

However, this rule is not expected to have any significant economic impact on small business concerns because this rule: (1) is not creating any new requirements with which small entities must comply, and (2) is only

establishing the framework to apply the inflation adjustments of statutory acquisition-related thresholds under 41 U.S.C. 1908 to existing contracts and subcontracts in effect on the date of the adjustment. Any impact on small business concerns will be beneficial by preventing burdensome requirements from continuing to apply to smaller dollar value contracts when acquisition thresholds are increased during the period of performance.

As of September 30, 2017, there were 637,791 active entity registrations in SAM.gov. Of those active entity registrations, 452,310 (71 percent) completed all four modules of the registration, in accordance with FAR 52.204-7(a)(2), including Assertions (where they enter their size metrics and select their NAICS Codes) and Reps & Certs (where they certify to the information they provided and the size indicator by NAICS).

Of the possible 452,310 active SAM.gov entity registrations, 338,207 (75 percent) certified to meeting the size standard of small for their primary NAICS Code. Therefore, this rule may be beneficial to 338,207 small business entities that submit proposals that may now fall under the micro-purchase threshold, the simplified acquisition threshold, or other applicable acquisition thresholds (e.g., contractor code of business ethics and conduct, reporting executive compensation and first-tier subcontract awards, equal opportunity for veterans) as a result of this rule.

The rule does not include additional reporting or record keeping requirements.

There are no available alternatives to the rule to accomplish the desired objective of the statute.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the FRFA from the Regulatory Secretariat Division. The Regulatory Secretariat Division has submitted a copy of the FRFA to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

#### VII. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) does apply; however, the changes to the FAR do not impose new information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under 44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq. The changes do not impose additional information collection requirements to the paperwork burden previously approved under the following OMB Control Numbers: 9000-0007, Subcontracting Plans; 9000-0018, Certification Of Independent Price Determination, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct, and Preventing Personal Conflicts of Interest; 9000-0027, Value Engineering Requirements; 9000-0193, FAR Part 9 Responsibility Matters; 9000-0091, Anti-Kickback Procedures; 9000-0097, Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 4 Requirements; 9000-0136, Commercial Item Acquisitions; 9000-0034, Examination of Records by Comptroller General and Contract Audit; 9000-0013, Certified Cost or Pricing Data and Data Other Than Certified Cost or Pricing Data; 9000-0048, Authorized Negotiators and Integrity of Unit Prices; 9000-0078, Certain Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 15 Requirements; 9000-0096, Patents; 9000-0045, Bid Guarantees, Performance, and Payments Bonds, and Alternative Payment Protection; 9000-0010, Progress Payments, SF 1443; 9000-0149, Subcontract Consent and

Contractors' Purchasing System Review; 1235-0007, Labor Standards for Federal Service Contracts; 1235-0025, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers Under Service Contracts, Executive Order 13495; 1250-0004, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements Under the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as Amended; and 1250-0005, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements Under Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended Section 503.

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Government procurement.

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Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA amend 48 CFR parts 1, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 19, 22, 25, 30, 50, and 52 as set forth below:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 1, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 19, 22, 25, 30, 50, and 52 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 40 U.S.C. 121(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 51 U.S.C. 20113.

#### PART 1-FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS SYSTEM

- 2. Amend section 1.109 by-
- a. Removing from paragraph (a) "(CPI) for all-urban consumers" and adding "for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)" in its place;
  - b. Redesignating paragraph (d) as paragraph (e);
  - c. Adding new paragraph (d); and
- d. Removing from the newly designated paragraph (e) "2014-022" and adding "2014-022, open the docket folder, and go to the supporting documents file" in its place.

The addition reads as follows:

# 1.109 Statutory acquisition-related dollar thresholds-adjustment for inflation.

\* \* \* \* \*

(d) The statute, as amended by section 821 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018

(Pub. L. 115-91), requires the adjustment described in paragraph (a) of this section be applied to contracts and subcontracts without regard to the date of award of the contract or subcontract. Therefore, if a threshold is adjusted for inflation as set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, then the changed threshold applies throughout the remaining term of the contract, unless there is a subsequent threshold adjustment.

\* \* \* \* \*

3. Amend section 1.110 in the table in paragraph (c) by designating the table as table 1 and revising the entry for "Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act" to read as follows:

1.110 Positive law codification.

\* \* \* \* \*

(c) \* \* \*

Table 1 to Paragraph (c)

Historical	Division/chapter/subchapter	Title
title of act		
* * * * * * *		
Walsh-Healey	41 U.S.C. chapter 65	Contracts for
Public		Materials,
Contracts Act		Supplies,
		Articles, and

	Equipment
	Exceeding
	\$10,000

\* \* \* \* \*

#### PART 5-PUBLICIZING CONTRACT ACTIONS

# 5.206 [Amended]

4. Amend section 5.206 by removing from paragraph (a)(1) and (2) "\$150,000" and adding "the simplified acquisition threshold" in their places, respectively.

# PART 8-REQUIRED SOURCES OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

### 8.1104 [Amended]

5. Amend section 8.1104 by removing from paragraph (e)(3) "Exceeding \$15,000".

### PART 9-CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

6. Amend section 9.405-2 by revising the second sentence in the introductory text of paragraph (b) to read as follows:

# 9.405-2 Restrictions on subcontracting.

\* \* \* \* \*

(b) \* \* \* Contractors are prohibited from entering into any subcontract in excess of \$35,000, other than a subcontract for a commercially available off-the-shelf item, with a contractor that has been debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment, unless there is a compelling reason to do so. \* \* \*

\* \* \* \* \*

# PART 12-ACQUISITION OF COMMERCIAL ITEMS

#### 12.503 [Amended]

7. Amend section 12.503 by removing from paragraph (a)(1) "\$15,000" and adding "\$10,000" in its place.

#### 12.504 [Amended]

8. Amend section 12.504 by removing from paragraph (a)(4) "6505" and "\$15,000" and adding "chapter 65" and "\$10,000" in their places, respectively.

#### PART 13-SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION PROCEDURES

9. Amend section 13.003 by revising paragraph (b)(1) to read as follows:

# 13.003 Policy.

\* \* \* \* \*

(b) (1) Acquisitions of supplies or services that have an anticipated dollar value above the micro-purchase threshold, but at or below the simplified acquisition threshold, shall be set aside for small business concerns (see 19.000, 19.203, and subpart 19.5).

\* \* \* \* \*

# 13.501 [Amended]

10. Amend section 13.501 by removing from paragraph (a)(2)(i) "\$150,000" and adding "the simplified acquisition threshold" in its place.

#### PART 15-CONTRACTING BY NEGOTIATION

- 11. Amend section 15.403-4 by adding in the introductory text of paragraph (a)(1) a new fourth sentence to read as follows:
- 15.403-4 Requiring certified cost or pricing data (10 U.S.C. 2306a and 41 U.S.C. chapter 35).
- (a)(1) \* \* \* When a clause refers to this
  threshold, and if the threshold is adjusted for inflation
  pursuant to 1.109(a), then pursuant to 1.109(d) the changed
  threshold applies throughout the remaining term of the
  contract, unless there is a subsequent threshold
  adjustment. \* \* \*

### PART 19-SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

12. Amend section 19.203 by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

# 19.203 Relationship among small business programs.

\* \* \* \* \*

(b) At or below the simplified acquisition threshold. For acquisitions of supplies or services that have an anticipated dollar value above the micro-purchase

threshold, but at or below the simplified acquisition threshold, the requirement at 19.502-2(a) to set aside acquisitions for small business concerns does not preclude the contracting officer from awarding a contract to a small business under the 8(a) Program, HUBZone Program, SDVOSB Program, or WOSB Program.

\* \* \* \* \*

13. Amend section 19.502-1 by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

# 19.502-1 Requirements for setting aside acquisitions.

\* \* \* \* \*

- (b) The requirement in paragraph (a) of this section does not apply to purchases at or below the micro-purchase threshold, or purchases from required sources under part 8 (e.g., Committee for Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled).
- 14. Amend section 19.502-2 by revising the second sentence of paragraph (a) and removing from paragraph (b) introductory text "\$150,000" and adding "the simplified acquisition threshold" in its place to read as follows:

#### 19.502-2 Total small business set-asides.

(a) \* \* \* Each acquisition of supplies or services that has an anticipated dollar value above the micro-purchase threshold, but not over the simplified acquisition

threshold, shall be set aside for small business unless the contracting officer determines there is not a reasonable expectation of obtaining offers from two or more responsible small business concerns that are competitive in terms of fair market prices, quality, and delivery. \* \* \*

#### 19.507 [Amended]

15. Amend section 19.507 by removing from the first sentence in paragraph (e) "\$150,000" and adding "the simplified acquisition threshold" in its place.

# PART 22-APPLICATION OF LABOR LAWS TO GOVERNMENT ACOUISITIONS

# 22.102-2 [Amended]

16. Amend section 22.102-2 by removing from paragraph (c)(1)(iv) "\$15,000" and adding "\$10,000" in its place.

#### 22.202 [Amended]

17. Amend section 22.202 by removing from paragraph (a) ", Contracts for Materials, Supplies, Articles, and Equipment Exceeding \$15,000".

#### 22.305 [Amended]

18. Amend section 22.305 by removing from paragraph (e) ", Contracts for Materials, Supplies, Articles, and Equipment Exceeding \$15,000".

19. Amend subpart 22.6 by revising the subpart heading to read as follows:

# Subpart 22.6—Contracts For Materials, Supplies, Articles, and Equipment

# 22.602 [Amended]

20. Amend section 22.602 by removing ", Contracts for Materials, Supplies, Articles, and Equipment Exceeding \$15,000".

# 22.610 [Amended]

21. Amend section 22.610 by removing "Exceeding \$15,000".

#### 22.1003-3 [Amended]

22. Amend section 22.1003-3 by removing from paragraph (b) ", Contracts for Materials, Supplies, Articles, and Equipment Exceeding \$15,000".

# 22.1003-6 [Amended]

- 23. Amend section 22.1003-6(a) introductory text by:
- a. Removing ", Contracts for Materials, Supplies, Articles, and Equipment Exceeding \$15,000,"; and
- b. Removing "paragraphs (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this subsection" and adding "paragraph (a)(1) or (2) of this section" in its place.

# PART 25-FOREIGN ACQUISITION

# 25.703-4 [Amended]

24. Amend section 25.703-4 by removing from paragraphs (c)(5)(ii), (c)(7)(iii), and (c)(8)(iii) "\$3,500" and adding "the threshold at 25.703-2(a)(2)" in their places, respectively.

#### PART 30-COST ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION

25. Revise section 30.201-1 to read as follows:

# 30.201-1 CAS applicability.

- (a) See 48 CFR 9903.201-1 (FAR appendix).
- (b) In accordance with 41 U.S.C. 1502(b)(1)(B), the threshold for determining the tentative applicability of CAS at the contract level is the amount set forth in 10 U.S.C. 2306a(a)(1)(A)(i), as adjusted for inflation in accordance with 41 U.S.C. 1908.

# PART 50-EXTRAORDINARY CONTRACTUAL ACTIONS AND THE SAFETY ACT

#### 50.103-7 [Amended]

26. Amend section 50.103-7 by removing from paragraph (b) "Exceeding \$15,000".

# PART 52-SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

- 27. Amend section 52.202-1 by
  - a. Revising the date of the clause;
- b. Removing the word "or" at the end of paragraph(c);

- c. Removing from paragraph (d) "FAR Part" and "procedures." and adding "FAR part" and "procedures; or" in their places, respectively; and
  - d. Adding paragraph (e).

The revision and addition read as follows:

#### 52.202-1 Definitions.

\* \* \* \* \*

Definitions ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the  $FEDERAL\ REGISTER$ ])

\* \* \* \* \*

(e) The word or term defines an acquisition-related threshold, and if the threshold is adjusted for inflation as set forth in FAR 1.109(a), then the changed threshold applies throughout the remaining term of the contract, unless there is a subsequent threshold adjustment; see FAR 1.109(d).

\* \* \* \* \*

28. Amend section 52.203-6 by revising the date of the clause and removing from paragraph (c) "threshold." and adding "threshold, as defined in Federal Acquisition

Regulation 2.101 on the date of subcontract award." in its place to read as follows:

# 52.203-6 Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government.

\* \* \* \* \*

RESTRICTIONS ON SUBCONTRACTOR SALES TO THE GOVERNMENT ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE  $FEDERAL\ REGISTER$ ])

\* \* \* \* \*

29. Amend section 52.203-7 by revising the date of the clause and paragraph (c)(5) and adding an undesignated parenthetical phrase at the end to read as follows:

#### 52.203-7 Anti-Kickback Procedures.

\* \* \* \* \*

ANTI-KICKBACK PROCEDURES ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS

AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER])

\* \* \* \* \*

(c) \* \* \*

(5) The Contractor agrees to incorporate the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c)(5) but excepting paragraph (c)(1) of this clause, in all subcontracts under this contract that exceed the threshold specified in Federal Acquisition Regulation 3.502-2(i) on the date of subcontract award.

(End of clause)

30. Amend section 52.203-12 by revising the date of the clause, the first sentence of paragraph (g)(1), and paragraph (g)(3) to read as follows:

# 52.203-12 Limitation on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions.

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Limitation on Payments to influence Certain Federal Transactions ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the  $FEDERAL\ REGISTER$ ])

\* \* \* \* \*

(g) \* \* \* (1) The Contractor shall obtain a declaration, including the certification and disclosure in paragraphs (c) and (d) of the provision at FAR 52.203-11, Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions, from each person requesting or receiving a subcontract under this contract that exceeds the threshold specified in FAR 3.808 on the date of subcontract award. \* \* \*

\* \* \* \* \*

(3) The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (g), in any subcontract that exceeds the threshold specified in FAR 3.808 on the date of subcontract award.

31. Amend section 52.203-13 by revising the date of the clause and removing from paragraph (d)(1) "have a value in excess of \$5.5 million" and adding "exceed the threshold specified in FAR 3.1004(a) on the date of subcontract award" in its place to read as follows:

#### 52.203-13 Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct.

\* \* \* \* \*

CONTRACTOR CODE OF BUSINESS ETHICS AND CONDUCT ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER])

32. Amend section 52.203-14 by revising the date of the clause and the introductory text of paragraph (d) to read as follows:

# 52.203-14 Display of Hotline Poster(s).

\* \* \* \* \*

Display of Hotline Poster(s) ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the  $FEDERAL\ REGISTER$ ])

\* \* \* \* \*

(d) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (d), in all subcontracts that exceed the threshold specified in Federal Acquisition Regulation 3.1004(b)(1) on the date of subcontract award, except when the subcontract—

33. Amend section 52.203-16 by revising the date of the clause, the heading of paragraph (d), and paragraph (d)(1) to read as follows:

# 52.203-16 Preventing Personal Conflicts of Interest.

\* \* \* \* \*

Preventing Personal Conflicts of Interest ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER])

- (d) Subcontracts. \* \* \*
- (1) That exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation 2.101 on the date of subcontract award; and
  - 34. Amend section 52.203-17 by
    - a. Revising the date of the clause;
- b. Removing from paragraph (a) "FAR 3.908" and adding "Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 3.908" in its place;
- c. Removing from paragraph (b) "section 3.908 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation" and adding "FAR 3.908" in its place; and
- d. Removing from paragraph (c) "threshold." and adding "threshold, as defined in FAR 2.101 on the date of subcontract award." in its place.

The revision reads as follows:

# 52.203-17 Contractor Employee Whistleblower Rights and Requirement To Inform Employees of Whistleblower Rights.

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CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS AND REQUIREMENT TO INFORM

EMPLOYEES OF WHISTLEBLOWER RIGHTS ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30

DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER])

- 35. Amend section 52.204-10 by
  - a. Revising the date of the clause;
- b. Removing from paragraph (d)(1) introductory text "FAR provision" and adding "Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) provision" in its place;
- c. Removing from paragraph (d)(2) introductory text "contracting officer" and "with a value of \$30,000 or more" and adding "Contracting Officer" and "valued at or above the threshold specified in FAR 4.1403(a) on the date of subcontract award" in their places, respectively;
- d. Removing from paragraph (d)(3) introductory text "with a value of \$30,000 or more" and adding "valued at or above the threshold specified in FAR 4.1403(a) on the date of subcontract award" in its place; and

e. Removing from paragraph (e) "less than \$30,000" and adding "below the threshold specified in FAR 4.1403(a), on the date of subcontract award," in its place.

The revision reads as follows:

# 52.204-10 Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards.

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Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the  $FEDERAL\ REGISTER$ ])

\* \* \* \* \*

- 36. Amend section 52.209-6 by
  - a. Revising the date of the clause;
- b. Removing from paragraph (a)(1)(i) "FAR" and
  adding "Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)" in its place;
- c. Removing from paragraphs (b) and (c) "\$35,000" and adding "the threshold specified in FAR 9.405-2(b) on the date of subcontract award," and "the threshold specified in FAR 9.405-2(b) on the date of subcontract award" in their places, respectively; and
  - d. Revising paragraph (e) (1).

The revisions read as follows:

52.209-6 Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting With Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment.

\* \* \* \* \*

PROTECTING THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST WHEN SUBCONTRACTING WITH CONTRACTORS

DEBARRED, SUSPENDED, OR PROPOSED FOR DEBARMENT ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH

AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER])

\* \* \* \* \*

- (e) \* \* \*
- (1) Exceeds the threshold specified in FAR 9.405-2(b) on the date of subcontract award; and
- \* \* \* \* \*
  - 37. Amend section 52.210-1 by
    - a. Revising the date of the clause;
- b. In paragraph (a), removing from the definition of "Commercial item" and "nondevelopmental item" the word "Regulation" and adding "Regulation (FAR)" in its place; and
- c. Removing from the introductory text of paragraph(b) "threshold" and adding "threshold, as defined in FAR
- 2.101 on the date of subcontract award," in its place.

The revision reads as follows:

# 52.210-1 Market Research.

MARKET RESEARCH ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER])

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38. Amend section 52.212-1 by revising the date of the clause and the first and fifth sentences of paragraph (j) to read as follows:

# 52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors-Commercial Items.

\* \* \* \* \*

Instructions to Offerors—Commercial Items ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the  $FEDERAL\ REGISTER$ ])

- (j) \* \* \* (Applies to all offers that exceed the micro-purchase threshold, and offers at or below the micro-purchase threshold if the solicitation requires the Contractor to be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM).) \* \* \* The suffix is assigned at the discretion of the Offeror to establish additional SAM records for identifying alternative EFT accounts (see FAR subpart 32.11) for the same entity.\* \* \*
- - 39. Amend section 52.212-3 by
    - a. Revising the date of the clause; and
- b. Removing from paragraph (o) (2) (iii) "\$3,500" and adding "the threshold at FAR 25.703-2(a) (2)" in its place.

The revision reads as follows:

# 52.212-3 Offeror Representations and Certifications-Commercial Items.

\* \* \* \* \*

Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the  $FEDERAL\ REGISTER$ ])

- 40. Amend section 52.212-5 by-
- a. Revising paragraphs (b) (1), (2), (4), and (8), (b) (17) (i), (iv), and (v), (b) (31) (i), (b) (32) (i), (b) (33) and (44), and (c) (9);
- b. Removing from paragraph (d) introductory text "threshold" and adding "threshold, as defined in FAR 2.101, on the date of award of this contract" in its place;
  - c. Revising paragraph (e)(1)(i);
- d. Removing from paragraph (e)(1)(v) "\$700,000 (\$1.5 million for construction of any public facility)" and adding "the applicable threshold specified in FAR 19.702(a) on the date of subcontract award" in its place;
- e. Revising paragraphs (e)(1)(i) through (x) and the first sentence of paragraph (xxi); and

f. In Alternate II, revising the date of the alternate, paragraphs (e)(1)(ii)(A), (E), (H), and (I), and the first sentence of paragraph (e)(1)(ii)(T).

The revisions read as follows:

# 52.212-5 Contract Terms and Conditions Required To Implement Statutes or Executive Orders—Commercial Items.

\* \* \* \* \*

- (b) \* \* \*
- \_\_\_ (1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the *FEDERAL REGISTER*]), with *Alternate*I (OCT 1995) (41 U.S.C. 4704 and 10 U.S.C. 2402).
- \_\_ (2) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of PUBLICATION IN THE  $FEDERAL\ REGISTER$ ]) (41 U.S.C. 3509).

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\_\_\_\_\_(4) 52.204-10, Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards ([Insert abbreviated month and YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER])

(Pub. L. 109-282) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note).

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\_\_\_ (8) 52.209-6, Protecting the Government's

Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred,

Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment. ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH

AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note). \* \* \* \* \* (17)(i) 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)). (iv) Alternate III ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]) of 52.219-9. (v) Alternate IV ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]) of 52.219-9. (31)(i) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]) (38 U.S.C. 4212). \* \* \* \* \* (32)(i) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]) (29 U.S.C. 793).

\_\_\_ (33) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

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\_\_\_ (44) 52.223-18, Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the *FEDERAL REGISTER*]) (E.O. 13513).

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- (c) \* \* \*
- \_\_\_ (9) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the *FEDERAL REGISTER*]) (42 U.S.C. 1792).

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- (e)(1) \* \* \*
- (i) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of Publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]) (41 U.S.C. 3509).

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(viii) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

- (ix) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]) (29 U.S.C. 793).
- (x) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

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(xxi) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the  $FEDERAL\ REGISTER$ ]) (42 U.S.C.

1792). \* \* \*

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Alternate II ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the  $FEDERAL\ REGISTER$ ]). \* \* \*

- (e)(1) \* \* \*
  - (ii) \* \* \* \* \*
- (A) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business

  Ethics and Conduct ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]) (41 U.S.C. 3509).
- (E) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2018) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer further subcontracting

opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds the applicable threshold specified in FAR 19.702(a) on the date of subcontract award, the subcontractor must include 52.219-8 in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.

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- (H) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
- (I) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the *FEDERAL REGISTER*]) (29 U.S.C. 793).
- (T) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations. ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the *FEDERAL REGISTER*]) (42 U.S.C. 1792). \* \* \*

- 41. Amend section 52.213-4 by
  - a. Revising the date of the clause;
- b. Adding a period to the end of paragraph(a) (2) (iv);

- c. Revising paragraphs (a) (2) (viii) and (b) (1) (i) through (iv), the first sentence of paragraph (b) (1) (v), and paragraph (b) (1) (vi);
- d. Removing from paragraph (b)(1)(xvii) introductory text "threshold" and adding "threshold, as defined in FAR 2.101 on the date of award of this contract," in its place; and
  - e. Revising paragraphs (b)(1)(xviii) and (b)(2)(ii). The revisions read as follows:

# 52.213-4 Terms and Conditions—Simplified Acquisitions (Other Than Commercial Items).

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS—SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITIONS (OTHER THAN COMMERCIAL ITEMS) ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER])

- (a) \* \* \*
  - (2) \* \* \*

(viii) 52.244-6, Subcontracts for Commercial Items ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of Publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]).

- (b) \* \* \*
  - (1) \* \* \*
- (i) 52.204-10, Reporting Executive Compensation and First-Tier Subcontract Awards ([Insert abbreviated month and

- YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER])

  (Pub. L. 109-282) (31 U.S.C. 6101 note) (Applies to contracts valued at or above the threshold specified in FAR 4.1403(a) on the date of award of this contract).
- (ii) 52.222-19, Child Labor-Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (JAN 2020) (E.O. 13126) (Applies to contracts for supplies exceeding the micro-purchase threshold, as defined in FAR 2.101 on the date of award of this contract).
- (iii) 52.222-20, Contracts for Materials,

  Supplies, Articles, and Equipment ([Insert abbreviated month and YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]) (41 U.S.C. chapter 65) (Applies to supply contracts over the threshold specified in FAR 22.602 on the date of award of this contract, in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands).
- (iv) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans

  (([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in

  The FEDERAL REGISTER]) (38 U.S.C. 4212) (Applies to contracts

  valued at or above the threshold specified in FAR

  22.1303(a) on the date of award of this contract).
- (v) 52.222-36, Equal Employment for Workers with Disabilities ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]) (29 U.S.C. 793) (Applies

to contracts over the threshold specified in FAR 22.1408(a) on the date of award of this contract, unless the work is to be performed outside the United States by employees recruited outside the United States). \* \* \*

(vi) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans

([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN

THE FEDERAL REGISTER]) (38 U.S.C. 4212) (Applies to contracts

valued at or above the threshold specified in FAR

22.1303(a) on the date of award of this contract).

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(xviii) 52.226-6, Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations ([Insert abbreviated Month and Year 30 days after date of publication in the *FEDERAL REGISTER*]) (42 U.S.C. 1792) (Applies to contracts greater than the threshold specified in FAR 26.404 on the date of award of this contract, that provide for the provision, the service, or the sale of food in the United States).

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(2) \* \* \*

(ii) 52.209-6, Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting with Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER])

(Applies to contracts over the threshold specified in FAR 9.405-2(b) on the date of award of this contract).

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42. Amend section 52.214-26 by revising the date of the clause and paragraph (e) to read as follows:

# 52.214-26 Audit and Records-Sealed Bidding.

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AUDIT AND RECORDS—SEALED BIDDING ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER])

\* \* \* \* \*

(e) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall insert a clause containing all the provisions of this clause, including this paragraph (e), in all subcontracts expected to exceed the threshold for submission of certified cost or pricing data in FAR 15.403-4(a)(1) on the date of subcontract award.

\* \* \* \* \*

- 43. Amend section 52.214-27 by revising the date of the clause and paragraph (a) to read as follows:
- 52.214-27 Price Reduction for Defective Certified Cost or Pricing Data-Modifications-Sealed Bidding.

PRICE REDUCTION FOR DEFECTIVE CERTIFIED COST OR PRICING DATA—

MODIFICATIONS—SEALED BIDDING ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS

AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER])

(a) This clause shall become operative only for any modification to this contract involving aggregate increases and/or decreases in costs, plus applicable profits, expected to exceed the threshold for the submission of certified cost or pricing data in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 15.403-4(a)(1) on the date of execution of the modification, except that this clause does not apply to a modification if an exception under FAR 15.403-1(b) applies.

- 44. Amend section 52.214-28 by
  - a. Revising the date of the clause;
- b. Removing from paragraph (a)(1) "at (FAR) 48 CFR 15.403-4(a)(1)" and adding "in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 15.403-4(a)(1) on the date of execution of the modification" in its place;
- c. Removing from paragraph (b) "at FAR 15.403-4(a)(1)" everywhere it appears and adding "in FAR 15.403-4(a)(1)" in its place and adding a sentence to the end of the paragraph; and

d. Removing from paragraph (d) "at FAR 15.403-4(a)(1)" and adding "in FAR 15.403-4(a)(1)" in its place.

The revision and addition read as follows:

# 52.214-28 Subcontractor Certified Cost or Pricing Data-Modifications—Sealed Bidding.

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SUBCONTRACTOR CERTIFIED COST OR PRICING DATA—MODIFICATIONS—SEALED BIDDING

([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in

THE FEDERAL REGISTER])

\* \* \* \* \*

(b) \* \* \* If the threshold for submission of certified cost or pricing data specified in FAR 15.403-4(a)(1) is adjusted for inflation as set forth in FAR 1.109(a), then pursuant to FAR 1.109(d) the changed threshold applies throughout the remaining term of the contract, unless there is a subsequent threshold adjustment.

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- 45. Amend section 52.215-2 by
  - a. Revising the date of the clause; and
- b. Removing from paragraph (g) introductory text "threshold" and adding "threshold, as defined in FAR 2.101 on the date of subcontract award," in its place.

The revision reads as follows:

### 52.215-2 Audit and Records-Negotiation.

\* \* \* \* \*

Audit and Records—Negotiation ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the  $FEDERAL\ REGISTER$ ])

\* \* \* \* \*

46. Amend section 52.215-11 by revising the date of the clause and paragraph (a) to read as follows:

# 52.215-11 Price Reduction for Defective Certified Cost or Pricing Data-Modifications.

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PRICE REDUCTION FOR DEFECTIVE CERTIFIED COST OR PRICING DATA—

MODIFICATIONS ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE  $FEDERAL\ REGISTER$ ])

(a) This clause shall become operative only for any modification to this contract involving a pricing adjustment expected to exceed the threshold for submission of certified cost or pricing data in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 15.403-4(a)(1) on the date of execution of the modification, except that this clause does not apply to any modification if an exception under FAR 15.403-1(b) applies.

47. Amend section 52.215-12 by revising the date of the clause and paragraphs (a) and (c) introductory text to read as follows:

### 52.215-12 Subcontractor Certified Cost or Pricing Data.

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SUBCONTRACTOR CERTIFIED COST OR PRICING DATA ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER])

(a) Before awarding any subcontract expected to exceed the threshold for submission of certified cost or pricing data in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 15.403-4(a)(1), on the date of agreement on price or the date of award, whichever is later; or before pricing any subcontract modification involving a pricing adjustment expected to exceed the threshold for submission of certified cost or pricing data in FAR 15.403-4(a)(1), the Contractor shall require the subcontractor to submit certified cost or pricing data (actually or by specific identification in writing), in accordance with FAR 15.408, Table 15-2 (to include any information reasonably required to explain the subcontractor's estimating process such as the judgmental factors applied and the mathematical or other methods used in the estimate, including those used in projecting from known data, and the nature and amount of any contingencies included in the price), unless an

exception under FAR 15.403-1(b) applies. If the threshold for submission of certified cost or pricing data specified in FAR 15.403-4(a)(1) is adjusted for inflation as set forth in FAR 1.109(a), then pursuant to FAR 1.109(d) the changed threshold applies throughout the remaining term of the contract, unless there is a subsequent threshold adjustment.

\* \* \* \* \*

(c) In each subcontract that, when entered into, exceeds the threshold for submission of certified cost or pricing data in FAR 15.403-4(a)(1), the Contractor shall insert either—

\* \* \* \* \*

- 48. Amend section 52.215-13 by-
- a. Revising the date of the clause and paragraphs(a) (1) and (b); and
- b. Removing from paragraph (d) "at FAR 15.403-4" and adding "in FAR 15.403-4(a)(1)" in its place.

The revisions read as follows:

52.215-13 Subcontractor Certified Cost or Pricing Data-Modifications.

SUBCONTRACTOR CERTIFIED COST OR PRICING DATA—Modifications ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER])

(a) \* \* \*

(1) Become operative only for any modification to this contract involving a pricing adjustment expected to exceed the threshold for submission of certified cost or pricing data in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 15.403-4(a)(1) on the date of execution of the modification; and

\* \* \* \* \*

(b) Before awarding any subcontract expected to exceed the threshold for submission of certified cost or pricing data in FAR 15.403-4(a)(1), on the date of agreement on price or the date of award, whichever is later; or before pricing any subcontract modification involving a pricing adjustment expected to exceed the threshold for submission of certified cost or pricing data in FAR 15.403-4(a)(1), the Contractor shall require the subcontractor to submit certified cost or pricing data (actually or by specific identification in writing), in accordance with FAR 15.408, Table 15-2 (to include any information reasonably required to explain the subcontractor's estimating process such as the judgmental factors applied and the mathematical or

other methods used in the estimate, including those used in projecting from known data, and the nature and amount of any contingencies included in the price), unless an exception under FAR 15.403-1(b) applies. If the threshold for submission of certified cost or pricing data specified in FAR 15.403-4(a)(1) is adjusted for inflation as set forth in FAR 1.109(a), then pursuant to FAR 1.109(d) the changed threshold applies throughout the remaining term of the contract, unless there is a subsequent threshold adjustment.

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49. Amend section 52.215-14 by revising the date of the clause and paragraph (c) to read as follows:

### 52.215-14 Integrity of Unit Prices.

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Integrity of Unit Prices ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the  $FEDERAL\ REGISTER$ ])

\* \* \* \* \*

(c) The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, less paragraph (b) of this clause, in all subcontracts for other than: acquisitions at or below the simplified acquisition threshold, as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 2.101 on the date of subcontract award; construction or architect-engineer

services under FAR part 36; utility services under FAR part 41; services where supplies are not required; commercial items; and petroleum products.

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50. Amend section 52.215-21 by revising the date of the clause and the introductory text of paragraph (a)(1) to read as follows:

52.215-21 Requirements for Certified Cost or Pricing Data and Data Other Than Certified Cost or Pricing Data-Modifications.

\* \* \* \* \*

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED COST OR PRICING DATA AND DATA OTHER THAN

CERTIFIED COST OR PRICING DATA—MODIFICATIONS ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH

AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER])

(a) \* \* \* (1) In lieu of submitting certified cost or pricing data for modifications under this contract, for price adjustments expected to exceed the threshold set forth in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 15.403-4(a)(1) on the date of the agreement on price or the date of the award, whichever is later, the Contractor may submit a written request for exception by submitting the information described in paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (ii) of this clause. If the threshold for submission of certified cost or pricing data specified in FAR 15.403-4(a)(1) is

adjusted for inflation as set forth in FAR 1.109(a), then pursuant to FAR 1.109(d) the changed threshold applies throughout the remaining term of the contract, unless there is a subsequent threshold adjustment. The Contracting Officer may require additional supporting information, but only to the extent necessary to determine whether an exception should be granted, and whether the price is fair and reasonable—

\* \* \* \* \*

- 51. Amend section 52.215-23 by
  - a. Revising the date of the clause;
- b. In paragraph (a), removing from the definition "Subcontract" the acronym "FAR" and adding "Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)" in its place; and
  - c. Revising paragraph (f).

The revisions read as follows:

#### 52.215-23 Limitations on Pass-Through Charges.

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Limitations on Pass-Through Charges ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER])

(f) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (f), in all cost-reimbursement subcontracts under this contract

that exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, as defined in FAR 2.101 on the date of subcontract award, except if the contract is with DoD, then insert in all cost-reimbursement subcontracts and fixed-price subcontracts, except those identified in FAR 15.408(n)(2)(i)(B)(2), that exceed the threshold for obtaining cost or pricing data in FAR 15.403-4(a)(1) on the date of subcontract award.

- 52. Amend section 52.219-9 by
  - a. Revising the date of the clause;
- b. In paragraph (b), revising the definition of
  "Commercial item";
- c. Removing from paragraph (d) (9) "\$700,000 (\$1.5 million for construction of any public facility)" and adding "the applicable threshold specified in FAR 19.702(a) on the date of subcontract award," in its place;
- d. Removing from paragraph (d)(11)(iii) introductory text "\$150,000" and adding "the simplified acquisition threshold, as defined in FAR 2.101 on the date of subcontract award" in its place;
- e. Removing from the first sentence of paragraph

  (e) (6) "threshold" and adding "threshold, as defined in FAR

  2.101 on the date of subcontract award," in its place;

- f. Removing from paragraph (i) "threshold in" and
  adding "threshold in FAR" in its place;
- g. Removing from paragraph (1)(2)(i)(C) "\$700,000 (over \$1.5 million for construction of a public facility) and" and adding "the applicable threshold specified in FAR 19.702(a), and the contract" in its place;

#### h. In Alternate III-

- i. Revising the date of the alternate; and
- ii. Removing from paragraph (1)(2)(i)(C)
  "\$700,000 (over \$1.5 million for construction of a public
  facility) and" and adding "the applicable threshold
  specified in FAR 19.702(a), and the contract" in its place;
  and

#### i. In Alternate IV-

- i. Revising the date of the alternate;
- ii. Removing from paragraph (d)(9) "\$700,000 (\$1.5 million for construction of any public facility)" and adding "the applicable threshold specified in FAR 19.702(a) on the date of subcontract award," in its place; and
- iii. Removing from paragraph (d)(11)(iii) introductory text "\$150,000" and adding "the simplified acquisition threshold, as defined in FAR 2.101 on the date of subcontract award" in its place.

The revisions read as follows:

### 52.219-9 Small Business Subcontracting Plan.

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Small Business Subcontracting Plan ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the  $FEDERAL\ REGISTER$ ])

\* \* \* \* \*

(b) \* \* \*

Commercial item means a product or service that satisfies the definition of commercial item in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 2.101.

\* \* \* \* \*

Alternate III ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the <code>FEDERAL REGISTER</code>]). \* \* \*

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Alternate IV ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]). \* \* \*  $\star$ 

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- 53. Amend section 52.222-20 by revising the section heading, the clause heading, and the introductory text of the clause to read as follows:
- 52.222-20 Contracts for Materials, Supplies, Articles, and Equipment.

CONTRACTS FOR MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, ARTICLES, AND EQUIPMENT ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER])

If this contract is for the manufacture or furnishing of materials, supplies, articles or equipment in an amount that exceeds or may exceed the threshold specified in Federal Acquisition Regulation 22.602 on the date of award of this contract, and is subject to 41 U.S.C. chapter 65, the following terms and conditions apply:

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- 54. Amend section 52.222-35 by
  - a. Revising the date of the clause;
- b. Removing from paragraph (a), in the definition

  "Active duty wartime or campaign badge veteran," "Armed

  Forces service medal veteran," "disabled veteran,"

  "protected veteran," "qualified disabled veteran," and

  "recently separated veteran", the acronym "FAR" and adding

  "Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)" in its place; and
- c. Removing from paragraph (c) "of \$150,000 or more" and adding "valued at or above the threshold specified in FAR 22.1303(a) on the date of subcontract award," in its place.

The revision reads as follows:

### 52.222-35 Equal Opportunity for Veterans.

\* \* \* \* \*

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR VETERANS ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER])

\* \* \* \* \*

- 55. Amend section 52.222-36 by
  - a. Revising the date of the clause; and
- b. Removing from the first sentence in paragraph (b) "\$15,000" and adding "the threshold specified in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 22.1408(a) on the date of subcontract award," in its place.

The revision reads as follows:

#### 52.222-36 Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities.

\* \* \* \* \*

Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER])

- 56. Amend section 52.222-37 by
  - a. Revising the date of the clause;
- b. Removing from paragraph (a) "FAR" and adding
  "Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)" in its place; and
- c. Removing from paragraph (g) "of \$150,000 or more" and adding "valued at or above the threshold specified in

FAR 22.1303(a) on the date of subcontract award," in its place.

The revision reads as follows:

### 52.222-37 Employment Reports on Veterans.

\* \* \* \* \*

EMPLOYMENT REPORTS ON VETERANS ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER])

\* \* \* \* \*

- 57. Amend section 52.223-18 by
  - a. Revising the date of the clause; and
- b. Removing from paragraph (d) "threshold." and adding "threshold, as defined in Federal Acquisition

  Regulation 2.101 on the date of subcontract award." in its place.

The revision reads as follows:

# 52.223-18 Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving.

\* \* \* \* \*

Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER])

- 58. Amend section 52.225-25 by
  - a. Revising the clause heading;

- b. Removing from the introductory text of paragraph(c) "accordance with" and adding "accordance with FederalAcquisition Regulation (FAR)" in its place; and
- c. Removing from paragraph (c) (3) "\$3,500" and adding "the threshold at FAR 25.703-2(a) (2)" in its place.
- 52.225-25 Prohibition on Contracting with Entities

  Engaging in Certain Activities or Transactions Relating to

  Iran-Representation and Certifications.

\* \* \* \* \*

PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH ENTITIES ENGAGING IN CERTAIN ACTIVITIES OR

TRANSACTIONS RELATING TO IRAN—REPRESENTATION AND CERTIFICATIONS ([INSERT

ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE

FEDERAL REGISTER])

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59. Amend section 52.226-6 by revising the section heading, the date of the clause, and paragraph (e) to read as follows:

# 52.226-6 Promoting Excess Food Donation to Nonprofit Organizations.

\* \* \* \* \*

PROMOTING EXCESS FOOD DONATION TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE

FEDERAL REGISTER])

(e) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall insert this clause in all contracts, task orders, delivery orders, purchase orders, and other similar instruments that exceed the threshold specified in Federal Acquisition Regulation 26.404 on the date of subcontract award with its subcontractors or suppliers, at any tier, who will perform, under this contract, the provision, service, or sale of food in the United States.

\* \* \* \* \*

60. Amend section 52.227-1 by revising the date of the clause and paragraph (b) to read as follows:

#### 52.227-1 Authorization and Consent.

\* \* \* \* \*

Authorization and Consent ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER])

\* \* \* \* \*

(b) The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (b), in all subcontracts that are expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 2.101 on the date of subcontract award. However, omission of this clause from any subcontract, including those at or below the simplified acquisition threshold, as

defined in FAR 2.101 on the date of subcontract award, does not affect this authorization and consent.

\* \* \* \* \*

61. Amend section 52.227-2 by revising the date of the clause and paragraph (c) to read as follows:

# 52.227-2 Notice and Assistance Regarding Patent and Copyright Infringement.

\* \* \* \* \*

Notice and Assistance Regarding Patent and Copyright Infringement ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER])

\* \* \* \* \*

(c) The Contractor shall include the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subcontracts that are expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold, as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 2.101 on the date of subcontract award.

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62. Amend section 52.227-3 in Alternate III by revising the date of the alternate and removing from the undesignated paragraph "threshold" and adding "threshold, as defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation 2.101 on the date of subcontract award," in its place to read as follows:

### 52.227-3 Patent Indemnity.

\* \* \* \* \*

Alternate III ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the  $FEDERAL\ REGISTER$ ]). \* \* \*

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63. Amend section 52.228-15 by revising the date of the clause and the introductory text of paragraph (b) to read as follows:

### 52.228-15 Performance and Payment Bonds-Construction.

\* \* \* \* \*

PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS—CONSTRUCTION ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER])

(b) Amount of required bonds. Unless the resulting contract price is valued at or below the threshold specified in Federal Acquisition Regulation 28.102-1(a) on the date of award of this contract, the successful offeror shall furnish performance and payment bonds to the Contracting Officer as follows:

- 64. Amend section 52.230-1 by-
- a. Revising the introductory text and the date of the provision;

- b. Removing from paragraph (a) "\$750,000" and "Chapter" and adding "the lower CAS threshold specified in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 30.201-4(b)" and "chapter" in their places, respectively; and
- d. Revising the undesignated parenthetical paragraph following paragraph (c) (1).

The revisions read as follows:

# 52.230-1 Cost Accounting Standards Notices and Certification.

As prescribed in 30.201-3(a), insert the following provision:

Cost Accounting Standards Notices and Certification ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER])

\* \* \* \* \*

(C) \* \* \*

(Disclosure must be on Form No. CASB DS-1 or CASB DS-2, as applicable. Forms may be obtained from the cognizant ACO or Federal official.)

- 65. Amend section 52.230-2 by
  - a. Revising the date of the clause; and
- b. Removing from paragraph (d) "Regulation shall" and "\$750,000" and adding "Regulation (FAR) shall" and "the

lower CAS threshold specified in FAR 30.201-4(b) on the date of subcontract award" in their places, respectively.

The revision read as follows:

### 52.230-2 Cost Accounting Standards.

\* \* \* \* \*

COST ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS

AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER])

\* \* \* \* \*

- 66. Amend section 52.230-3 by
  - a. Revising the date of the clause;
- b. Removing from paragraph (d)(1) "subsection" and "Regulation shall" and adding "section" and "Regulation (FAR) shall" in their places, respectively; and
  - c. Revising paragraph (d)(2).

The revisions read as follows:

# 52.230-3 Disclosure and Consistency of Cost Accounting Practices.

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DISCLOSURE AND CONSISTENCY OF COST ACCOUNTING

PRACTICES ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER])

\* \* \* \* \*

(d) \* \* \*

(2) The requirement in this paragraph (d) shall apply only to negotiated subcontracts in excess of the lower CAS threshold specified in FAR 30.201-4(b) on the date of subcontract award.

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- 67. Amend section 52.230-4 by
  - a. Revising the date of the clause;
- b. Removing from paragraph (d)(1) "FAR" and adding
  "Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)" in its place; and
  - c. Revising paragraph (d)(2).

The revisions read as follows:

# 52.230-4 Disclosure and Consistency of Cost Accounting Practices—Foreign Concerns.

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DISCLOSURE AND CONSISTENCY OF COST ACCOUNTING PRACTICES—FOREIGN CONCERNS

([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN

THE FEDERAL REGISTER])

\* \* \* \* \*

- (d) \* \* \*
- (2) The requirement in this paragraph (d) shall apply only to negotiated subcontracts in excess of the lower CAS threshold specified in FAR 30.201-4(b) on the date of subcontract award.

68. Amend section 52.230-5 by revising the date of the clause and paragraph (d)(2) to read as follows:

### 52.230-5 Cost Accounting Standards-Educational Institution.

\* \* \* \* \*

Cost Accounting Standards—Educational Institution ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL

REGISTER])

\* \* \* \* \*

(d) \* \* \*

(2) The requirement in this paragraph (d) shall apply only to negotiated subcontracts in excess of the lower CAS threshold specified in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 30.201-4(b) on the date of subcontract award; and

- 69. Amend section 52.232-16 by
  - a. Revising the date of the clause;
- b. Removing from paragraph (a)(1) "FAR" and adding "Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)" in its place; and
  - c. In Alternate III
    - i. Revising the date of the alternate; and
- ii. Removing from paragraph (n) "threshold." and adding "threshold, as defined in FAR 2.101 on the date of individual order award." in its place.

The revisions read as follows:

#### 52.232-16 Progress Payments.

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Progress Payments ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the  $FEDERAL\ REGISTER$ ])

\* \* \* \* \*

Alternate III ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]). \* \* \*  $\star$ 

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- 70. Amend section 52.244-2 by
  - a. Revising the date of the clause;
- b. Removing from paragraphs (c)(2)(i) and (ii)
  "threshold" and adding "threshold, as defined in FAR 2.101
  on the date of subcontract award," in their places; and
  - c. In Alternate I
    - i. Revising the date of the alternate; and
- ii. Removing from paragraph (e)(2) "threshold" and "paragraphs (e)(1)(i) through (e)(1)(iv)" and adding "threshold, as defined in FAR 2.101 on the date of subcontract award," and "paragraphs (e)(1)(i) through (iv)" in their places, respectively.

The revisions read as follows:

### 52.244-2 Subcontracts.

Subcontracts ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the  $FEDERAL\ REGISTER$ ])

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Alternate I ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]). \* \* \*

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- 71. Amend section 52.244-6 by
  - a. Revising the date of the clause;
- b. In paragraph (a), revising the definition
  "Commercial item" and "commercially available off-the-shelf
  item";
- c. Revising the first sentence in paragraph (c)(1)(i);
- d. Removing from paragraph (c)(1)(vii) "\$700,000 (\$1.5 million for construction of any public facility)" and adding "the applicable threshold specified in FAR 19.702(a) on the date of subcontract award" in its place; and
  - e. Revising paragraphs (c) (1)(x), (xi), and (xii). The revisions read as follows:

#### 52.244-6 Subcontracts for Commercial Items.

\* \* \* \* \*

SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS ([INSERT ABBREVIATED MONTH AND YEAR 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER])

(a) \* \* \*

Commercial item and commercially available off-the-shelf item have the meanings contained in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 2.101.

\* \* \* \* \*

- (c)(1) \* \* \*
- (i) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]) (41 U.S.C. 3509), if the subcontract exceeds the threshold specified in FAR 3.1004(a) on the date of subcontract award, and has a performance period of more than 120 days. \* \* \*
- (x) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Veterans ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]) (38 U.S.C. 4212(a)).
- (xi) 52.222-36, Equal Opportunity for Workers with Disabilities ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the *FEDERAL REGISTER*]) (29 U.S.C. 793).
- (xii) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Veterans ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

- 72. Amend section 52.246-26 by
  - a. Revising the date of the clause; and

b. Removing from paragraph (g) (1) (iii) "threshold" and adding "threshold, as defined in FAR 2.101 on the date of subcontract award," in its place.

The revision reads as follows:

### 52.246-26 Reporting Nonconforming Items.

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Reporting Nonconforming Items ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the  $FEDERAL\ REGISTER$ ])

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- 73. Amend section 52.248-1 by
  - a. Revising the date of the clause;
- b. Removing from paragraph (i) (5) "subsection" and "Regulation" and adding "section" and "Regulation (FAR)" in their places, respectively; and
  - c. Revising the first sentence of paragraph (1).

The revisions read as follows:

## 52.248-1 Value Engineering.

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Value Engineering ([Insert abbreviated month and year 30 days after date of publication in the  $FEDERAL\ REGISTER$ ])

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(1) Subcontracts. The Contractor shall include an appropriate value engineering clause in any subcontract valued at or above the simplified acquisition threshold, as

defined in FAR 2.101 on the date of subcontract award, and may include one in subcontracts of lesser value. \* \* \* \*

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